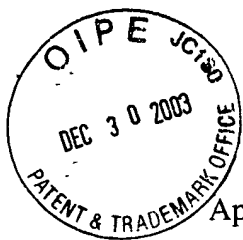


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In response to the Office Action of September 30, 2003, the Applicant respectfully presents the Claims as follows: